

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, July 3, 1894, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Beinn Bhreagh, Victoria County, Cape Breton, N. S. July 3rd 1894. My darling Alec:

I've treated you shamefully as regards letters, but I have been busy. Last night Charlie telegraphed that he was coming tomorrow and that complicated matters dreadfully, for of course he wants Mr. McCurdy, while Mr. McCurdy was promised to his family. So after long confabulation it was decided that he should have the house-boat for a week, and then be at Charlie's service. That meant a deal of scurrying but finally at 9:30 the house-boat was safely launched and as it was all cleaned and tidied we can start at seven tomorrow. I say we, because if the weather is at all decent we are all going up together and then we Bell's are to cross the Portage and surprise Charlie at Orangedale. Won't that be jolly?

This afternoon was reception day here, we had a whole party from Halifax chaperoned by the M. S. Chaplain to the Forces and his wife. I didn't much fancy them, they struck me as being rather supercilious fashionable people. She is a cousin of Mrs. Fane of "Hanoverian" fame.

How do you like my paper. I hope you will telegraph. You telegraphed me not to forget my . paper, I thought it so superfluous, fancy me forgetting a thing in which I have lined and for which worked for a whole week! — that I thought I would punish you by pretending not to know. I hope you will like it but shiver. I hope your address of vale will be as good! Or rather was. I didn't know that you were going to speak on the Visibility of Speech. Is 2 it on speech reading too? At all events my letter is the longest and most unique and most noticeable. Will they like it, what will they say, does it contain any new information? I wish Mr. McCurdy was to be there to tell me all the things you won't. Do please remember all

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the nice things and forget all the bad and then be sure and tell me you haven't because there weren't any.

Take care of yourself my dear old man.

Yours ever,